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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: MFA PRESS BRIEFING

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN (AMBASSADOR BAEKELANDT) AT MARCH 30 PRESS BRIEFING SAID GOB HAS MADE NO RECOMMENDATION THAT BELGIAN CITIZENS EVACUATE KOLWEZI. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO BELGIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL THERE (DESK OFFICER JAENEN TOLD US ONE PLUS EXPERIENCED AID TECHNICIAN FROM LUBUMBASHI) AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR EVACUATION WAS UNDERWAY. BAEKELANDT SAID THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 WHITES IN KOLWEZI, 58 OF WHOM ARE GOB AID TECHNICIANS. JAENEN TOLD US ABOUT 1,500 OF THE 3,000 ARE BELGIAN CITIZENS.

2. REFERRING TO RUMORS OF GOZ RECRUITING OF MERCENARIES IN FRG AND BELGIUM, BAEKELANDT SAID BELGIAN LEGISLATION WHICH PROHIBITS
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RECRUITING OF MERCENARIES WOULD BE APPLIED.

3. JAENEN TOLD US PRIVATELY BELGIAN EMBASSY IN KINSHASA REPORTED RUMORS OF BELGIAN PARATROOPERS IN SHABA. AN MFA DENIAL WAS DRAFTED FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS, BUT SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP. RENNER

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